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Kernan Announces State Loan for Energy Efficiency Improvements at Duneland Schools

INDIANAPOLIS — Lt. Governor Joe Kernan announced today that Duneland School Corp. in Chesterton has received a \$57,342 zero-interest loan from the Indiana Department of Commerce's Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program.

Duneland School Corp. plans to install energy-efficient window film at Brummitt, Bailly and Yost Elementary Schools. The film is an alternative to full window replacement and has been shown to reduce energy costs and provide increased classroom safety from broken windows. The proposed window film installation could reduce Duneland School Corp.'s overall energy consumption by 4 percent.

"We encourage the use of energy-efficient systems in public facilities because it reduces energy consumption and the cost of providing services to Indiana citizens," said Kernan, who serves as director of the Department of Commerce. "This project will serve as a good example for other facilities considering options to reduce energy use and operating costs."

The Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program (PFEET) provides zero-interest loans to Indiana schools, libraries and political subdivisions proposing to purchase new, more efficient equipment. Up to \$100,000 is available per applicant for implementing energy-efficient improvements in existing facilities and designing energy efficiency measures into new facilities. Loans are awarded on a quarterly basis.

The loan, approved by the Indiana Recycling and Energy Development Board, will be administered by the Indiana Department of Commerce's office of Energy and Recycling. For more information on the Public Facility Energy Efficiency Program, please contact Gavin Williams at 317.232.8979.

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